LAND MORTGAGE BANK AT KHANAPUR

538. SRI N. S. SIRDESAI (Khanapur).—

Will the Minister for Development be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the amount of loan disbursed to the loanees every year since the establishment of the Land Mortgage Bank at Khanapur;

(*b*) the number of Kannada speaking and Marathi speaking applicants who have been advanced loan amounts ?

SRI P. M. NADGOUDA (Minister for Development) —

(*a*)

Year	*Nos.*	*Amount* Rs.
1968-69	48	68,150
1969-70 (from 1-7-69 to 31-12-1969)	61	82,375
Total...	109	1,50,525

(*b*)—

Language	No. of applications sanctioned and disbursed
1. Kannada	97
2. Marathi	12
	109

DRY-*CUM*-WET SCHEME UNDER TUNGABHADRA PROJECT IN BELLARY TALUK

58 . SRI ALLUM KARIBASAPPA (Kurugod).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the object of the then Madras Government for introducing the dry-*cum*-wet scheme under the Tungabhadra Project particularly in Bellary Taluk;

(*b*) whether about 20,000 acres of land was included in the original scheme of the Tungabhadra Project of High Level Canal East of Hagari River under the composite Madras State comprising of Rupanagudi Yalpe, Kaggal, etc., about 15 villages;

(c) if so, the reasons for not taking up this area for irrigation purposes by the Government;

(d) whether it is a fact that the people of this area (East of Hagari river) represented to the Chief Minister, when he visited Chellagurki Muth in Bellary Taluk about a year ago;

(e) whether Government has got a decretionary right to delete any area without the consent of the ryots of that area which was included in the original scheme by the then Madras Government ?

SRI VEERENDRA PATIL (Chief Minister).—

(a) This being an area of scanty rainfall, where the dry crops have been often failing due to want of water at the time of maturity of crops assistance of an irrigation project to supply water during the period when water was required for the maturing of the crop, was inevitably required, hence the project was conceived largely for that purpose. The other aspect is that instead of concentrating irrigation benefits in a smaller area by giving heavy irrigation facilities, the introduction of dry crops has enabled to spread the irrigation benefits to a larger area, thereby larger number of people get the irrigation benefits. The soils are also suited for the dry crops except in low lying areas.

(b) About 20,000 acres have been included in the H.L.C. Scheme of Tungabhadra Project.

(c) The proposal of constructing an Aqueduct across Hagari River for taking the water to feed the lands of the villages is found to be very uneconomical, however, final decision has not yet been taken on this issue.

(d) Representations have been received requesting for providing irrigation benefits to that area.

(e) Does not arise in view of reply to clause (c) above.

CONSTITUTION OF TOWN MUNICIPALITY FOR DANDELI

692. SRI B. P. KADAM (Karwar).—

Will the Minister of State for Municipal Administration be pleased to state:—

(a) since how long the Notified Area Committee, Dandeli is in existence;

(b) whether it is a fact that its members are nominated; if so who are they;